

rights, and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. By remaining active in and dedicated to these important areas, Rabbi Bennett has contributed immeasurably to Alameda County and the East Bay, and the 9th and 13th Congressional Districts salute and congratulate him for his many years of invaluable service.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE OF ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, COMMISSIONER TED STRICKLAND

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my appreciation for the many years of dedicated service that Commissioner Ted Strickland has provided to the residents of Adams County, CO. After many years in public office, Ted Strickland has time and again proven his commitment to making Colorado a better place to live, and his presence on the Adams County Board of County Commissioners will truly be missed.

Commissioner Strickland, born and raised in Austin, Texas, settled in Colorado in 1954 after being honorably discharged from the United States Army. His lengthy and distinguished career in public service began with two years in the Colorado House of Representatives and continued with 24 years of service in the Colorado State Senate, including 12 years as President of the Senate. He served as Lieutenant Governor from 1973–1974.

Commissioner Strickland was elected to the Adams County Board of County Commissioners in 1996 and re-elected in 2000. The leadership that he has provided has been instrumental in improving relationships and cooperation with the municipalities within the County. Additionally, his work with Adams County Economic Development has contributed greatly to the growth and progress of the County. His service as a commissioner is distinguished by his business acumen, commitment to improve county facilities and seeing the county recognized as the “can do county.” Commissioner Strickland has proven himself to be a true Colorado statesman.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Ted for his distinguished service on behalf of the citizens of Adams County, and wish him all the best as I’m sure he will remain an active member of the Adams County community.

IN HONOR OF THE 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION AND VIKTOR ORBAN, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956. These men and women of Hungary, armed with the promise of liberty and hope for a better tomorrow, were the first

to courageously rise up in defiance of the Soviet occupation. Their historical struggle for freedom continues to inspire those who are not yet free. I also rise today in honor and welcome of Former Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orban, who has journeyed to Cleveland to commemorate the sacrifice, determination and heart of the Hungarian “Freedom Fighters” of 1956.

The 1956 Hungarian Revolution marked the beginning of the end of Soviet oppression in Central and Eastern Europe. As the Soviet army blazed a trail of aggression and control, millions of Hungarians fled Europe and sought refuge in America. More than two hundred thousand Hungarians settled in Cleveland, bringing with them the culture and memories of their beloved homeland, and the promise of freedom and democracy.

A leader on the front lines of liberty in Hungary, Former Prime Minister Viktor Orban carried the blazing torch of freedom, passed to him from the generation before. He was one of the founders of the Federation of Young Democrats—one of Hungary’s first parties to oppose communist rule. In a speech delivered on June 16, 1989, the words of Former Prime Minister Viktor Orban rang loud and clear along the streets and countryside of Hungary and far beyond, demanding free elections and the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956. Thousands of Hungarian men and women made the ultimate sacrifice so that all could be free. The Hungarian Freedom Fighters of 1956 pierced the darkness of tyranny and sparked the first light of liberty throughout Central and Eastern Europe. The rising light of their quest for freedom and their bravery, heart and sacrifice continues to inspire us all, lending us hope for the dawning of a peaceful new day.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW SCOTT A. GALLAMORE FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Matthew Scott A. Gallamore of Pleasant Valley, Missouri, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout. Matthew became an Eagle Scout on August 5, 2004 and he will be recognized at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor in November 2004.

Matthew has been very active with his troop by participating in many Scout activities, earning over 40 merit badges, and serving in a variety of leadership positions. At age 9, Matthew joined the Cub Scouts. He advanced from Cubs to Webelos and then crossed over into the Boy Scouts at age 11, achieving the rank of Arrow of Light. Now 17, Matthew is described by his parents, peers, and community as exemplifying the qualities of citizenship: he is loyal, helpful, trustworthy, thrifty, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, brave, clean, and reverent.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Matthew Scott A. Gallamore for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOSEPH BAUMGARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner is a resident of Midvale in Tuscarawas County; and

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner has devoted his love to his companion, Tammy, and his three children; and

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner demonstrated a commitment to his country while serving in the Persian Gulf; and

Whereas, Joseph Baumgarner is active with his community and is appreciated by all who know him.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in recognizing Joseph Baumgarner for his dedication to the United States, his community, family, and friends.

RECOGNITION OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL FALCON BASEBALL TEAM

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the South Central Middle School Falcon Baseball Team of Farina, Illinois.

The Falcons had an outstanding season this year, with a 16–6 record. They placed 1st in Conference and Regional tournaments and took 2nd place at the State Tournament.

The members of the Falcons are: Justin Armstrong, Seth Arnold, Kyle Bischoff, Tanner Bushue, Shane Donoho, Jacob Erwin, Ian King, Ryan Gesell, Tyler Gillet, Isaac Grapperhaus, Brock Johnson, Luke Kulesza, Kyle Monical, Travis Potter, Nathan Powless, Aaron Robb, Treavor Robbins, and Dylan Sill. The team is coached under the leadership of Stephen Phillips and Derick Vincent.

This exceptional group of seventh and eighth graders has shown great sportsmanship, teamwork, and stamina throughout their season. They have made their coaches, fans, and parents very proud.

Congratulations, Falcons, on a terrific year.

HONORING PROFESSOR VINCENT SCULLY, 2004 RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the National